

MUSIC INFORMATION

Grand Assembly 2012 soloists, Instrumentalists (keyboard, strings, brass, woodwind, percussion), Handbell Choir, and Grand Choir

NOTE: All soloists, Instrumentalists and Handbell choir members, must also participate in Grand Choir unless they are a Grand Officer.

SOLOISTS – are needed to sing solos for Grand Assembly. There are several ways to audition

1. Email me (put Grand Assembly in the memo line).your application and skype address. I will make a “date” with you to skype your live audition, so that we can talk about your performance and I can offer suggestions.

2. Email me (put Grand Assembly in the memo line).your application and an .mp3 recording of you singing with an accompaniment.

3. Snail mail me a CD or tape (please start with a blank tape so there is no “bleed-through”) of you singing along with your completed application.

The audition should include “Holy Bible” and another contemporary Christian song of your choosing that would be Rainbow appropriate. If you need accompaniment, I will email you an .mp3 of an accompaniment for you to use during your audition. Just let me know if you need it.

PIANISTS or OTHER INSTRUMENTALISTS – who can play part of a half hour program of music on the piano or other instrument for the opening of each session are needed.

Any instrumentalists who would be able to play one or two selections as a solo or duet (with someone in your assembly, perhaps) are invited to play during the prelude times before the meetings (Wednesday night – 15 minutes; Thursday morning – 30 minutes; Friday morning – 30 minutes; Friday night – 15 minutes). You DO NOT have to play the entire time. You may play anything, subject to approval of the music deputy. If you need a piano accompaniment, an accompanist will be provided. Once I have the information from all who would like to play, I will assign you to the day and session when you will play.

There is also a possibility that we can have ensembles again this year. If you are interested in playing in one, please indicate on the form.

a) Please send me the title of your piece(s) and its length (so I can plan who plays when).

b) Final date to apply is **June 3, 2012**.

c) You should bring your instrument and, if possible, your own music stand to Grand Assembly.

GRAND ASSEMBLY HANDBELL CHOIR – This is a Team experience that is a lot of fun. We will play during Coronation on Saturday. If we have enough girls, we hope to have TWO choirs this year, one for new inexperienced ringers and one for more experienced ringers. Beginning ringers (Choir ONE) must know their left hand from their right (!) and be able to count to at least 6. The ability to read music is a definite plus, but not a requirement. Choir TWO ringers should be able to read music, such as those who study voice or an instrument..

a) Since we will not be playing during sessions, you may be a Grand Officer, a Grand Representative or Grand Page and still participate in the Handbell choir

b) Final date to apply is June 3, 2012. All ringers should plan to attend Music weekend at Patton, June 1-3, 2012. This will be our main rehearsal. Girls selected to ring, will be expected to attend all rehearsals.

c) Final rehearsal will be at Grand Assembly on Saturday, July 14, prior to the choir competition.

d) You will receive more information after the selections have been made. Participants in prior Grand Handbell Choirs will be considered first.

GRAND CHOIR – The Grand Choir will provide music for regular meetings and initiation, Thursday and Friday mornings. We will also be doing a very nice selection this year that ties in with the Grand Worthy Advisor’s theme. All members of competition choirs MUST be a member of the Grand Choir unless they are Grand Officers. Please make sure they have music and know the songs.

a) Please recommend girls who sing in school or church. We ask you to divide voice parts among the group of girls you are sending (soprano & alto). We would like an equal amount of voice parts from each assembly represented, if possible.

b) Names sent before **June 3** will appear in the program. Names sent after the deadline will be accepted, but may not appear in the program.

c) Preferably, songs to be sung by the Grand Choir for initiation SHOULD BE MEMORIZED. MOTHER ADVISORS: I have white folders with the song words which I will bring to Grand Assembly. If you already have white folders with the music for your assembly, please bring them. The songs are as follows:

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| 1. Onward Christian Soldiers | 8. In The Garden |
| 2. Rainbow Song | 9. In the Sweet Bye and Bye |
| 3. My Faith Looks Up To Thee | 10. God Will Take Care of You |
| 4. Have Thine Own Way | 11. America the Beautiful |
| 5. Nearer My God to Thee | 12. Help Somebody Today |
| 6. Love Divine | 13. Holy Bible (Two verses) |
| 7. I Love To Tell The Story (plus refrain) | |

- d) All selections are in the Official Order of the Rainbow Songbook except numbers 4, 9, and 11.
- e) I will see that you receive one copy of the special choir piece when I receive the list of girls participating. I will email you an .mp3 file of the music parts and accompaniment for your rehearsals. Music may be copied and used at Grand Assembly ONLY if it is in a White Folder. Purchased master copies of the music are in the possession of the Grand Deputy.
- f) Grand choir members must wear long white dresses for all sessions in which the Grand Choir is present. No mascots or pillows are permitted in the Grand Choir section. There is no gum chewing or snacking in the Grand Choir section. Water bottles are permitted, but members must be sure to dispose of their trash in the proper receptacle at the end of each session.

SWING, SING AND RING PATTON WEEKEND

The music department will share a Patton weekend with the softball program on June 1 – 3, 2012. This is an opportunity for girls to learn how to read music, how to ring handbells, and how to sing properly. There will be time to work on keyboard and other instrumental skills. The Grand Choir will rehearse their special piece. The Grand Handbell Choir(s) will rehearse. Soloists will audition and rehearse.

PLEASE SEND registrations and recommendations to Mrs. Dianne S. Runser. The signed form may be scanned to a .pdf file and emailed to save postage. I check my e-mail on a regular basis, so feel free to direct any questions to me at my e-mail address shown below. More information will follow once you have applied. I look forward to hearing from you!

Mrs. Dianne S. Runser, Grand Deputy of Music

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MUSIC APPLICATION for ALL ACTIVITY IN THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Name _____ Assembly Name & No. _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Cell Phone (____) _____ E-Mail _____

Facebook _____ Skype _____ Text? Yes ___ No ___

DOB __/__/____ Are you: a PWA? ___Yes ___No Master of Grand Cross of Color? ___Yes ___No

Grand Officer? ___Yes ___No If yes, what office? _____

Your qualifications:

Your instrument(s) (voice, keyboard, trumpet, etc.) - _____

Years of study - _____

Performing experience - _____

I am interested in performing in an instrumental ensemble. ___ Yes ___ No

Recommendation:

I recommend this young lady to serve PA Rainbow at Grand Assembly

____ as a vocal soloist _____ as an instrumentalist

____ as a member of a handbell choir _____ as a member of grand choir

She ____ can/ ____ cannot read music.

Recommended by - _____

(Signature of Mother Advisor)

